

THE KNOCKER'S COLUMN. A FEW CRACKS AT THE SPORTS.

Well, I'm back among my friends again. I never did like to be away from good old New York, but even steam engines need a rest. I needed the change, you know, and took to the woods. Where I was there wasn't anything worth knowing and I wasn't in any heavenly realm either. I've had my hammer polished and flattened on the bottom, and I'm back to throw a few into some of the sporting Johns. That's right, they need it, and they're going to get it good and plenty; just follow me up.

According to my informants fake fights have been quite a general rule wherever any sort of prize has been pulled off. To think that Terry McGovern took part in an affair that bore marks of a fake is sad, but I do not believe my Brooklyn friend can be held to any account. As to the other fellow, if he furnishes no great surprise, his race in the game are weak-kneed—there are but few exceptions. Even if he weren't mixed-up, I guess he wouldn't have lasted very long with Terence. He accepted sure money. That all I can say in it.

The letter "H" begins many words of much significance, but three men whose names begin with that initial have certainly raised another word with the same meaning at the game in Chicago. Harris, Herford and Housman are the charges of "fake" have been laid to them, and Mayor Harrison, another "H" man, has shut down on the sport. It can't be that all whose names begin with H letter are born to kill a good thing. The sponser those "sure money" sports get a bit long-headed the letter their game will be.

I was sorry to hear Gus Rubin didn't finish Peter Maher in Fitzsimmons style. I thought he could do it, and from all accounts he could have tried. Well, it didn't add to Gus's reputation by letting Maher stay so long. Peter ought to have been sent to grass in a couple of punches by such a youthful, aspiring fighter.

Matty Matthews is again to stake his water-weight championship title in a "go" with Owen Zeigler. This time "both-house owner" has not been working in a dress suit for the mill, and if Matthews expects to find a "mark" he may be minus his title after it's all over. Let's hope this time will be "on the level." Owen is pretty good lately and there may be something doing. But then again Matthews can always be depended on to do his best.

So there's to be another wrestling bout. I hope it won't be like the last one in which Roberg took part. I wonder if Al Herford and Sam Harris will be at the ringside laying all kinds of odds on the other fellow.

Horses were always dead easy to slip-step in their wild flight onward, but it's like slipping away from white stones on a crowded street to dodge the automobile these days. They are everywhere, it seems. I wonder if drygoods stores will be selling them at 499.95 very soon. They did worse than that to the bicycle.

Talking about the "autos" reminds me that August Stetson has new green glass in his hot houses at his country home. He tried running one of the silent vehicles last year and it seemed magnetized by the glass constructions, and accordingly didn't do a thing but everything damaging to them. He's learned the tricks of the machine, but even his friends can't get him to go automobileing in the vicinity of the glass houses.

That New York A. A. U. bunch have as much nerve as small boys learning to swim have when in water over their heads. They let Pittsburgh grab off the always interesting amateur boxing and wrestling championships just because some wise guy in Albany had a bill passed killing the professional game in this State.

I had hoped the A. A. U. had enough wire-pullers in it to test that Lewis bit. I think there are many ways to dodge the issue and get in again with the amateurs.

So it has come to pass that Tom Sharkey wears a silk hat to fight. Thomas was always a swell dresser, but he might be a "bobby" in a shiny top. I don't wonder the wind tried to raise it. If he had, could it probably would do it itself. THE KNOCKER.

GOLD SHOULDER TO OUR GOLFER.

Nicholls Dined in an English Links Workshop.

LONDON, Dec. 22.—A striking contrast is offered in the treatment accorded to Bernard Nicholls, the American golfer who defeated the English champion, Peter Baxter, Thursday. Nicholls, who is of English birth, returned here after having passed many years in America. The Tooting Bee Golf Club compelled him to lunch in the workshop, though the club members were glad to face a December storm to witness his play. Nicholls said: "I had never been in America and was glad to be able to stand this sort of thing after the kindness he has received in the United States. It is curious thing about it is that America will soon overtake England, not only in golf playing but in the manufacture of golf equipment, for they are getting the best talent in England which the better success is sure to outstrip it."

MICHAELS, KING OF PACE FOLLOWERS, RACES TO-NIGHT AGAINST HARRY ELKES.

WINNERS AT NEW ORLEANS.

Crescent City Handicap Feature of the Card.

RACE TRACK, New Orleans, Dec. 22.—The Crescent City Handicap, at a mile and a furlong, was the feature to-day and furnished an interesting betting proposition.

J. B. Knight Banneret was the favorite although giving away weight to everything but the two-year-olds, although Mint Sauce, Stranger and Aloha H. had many admirers and crowded him for the race honors.

A steep climb over the short course divided interest with the stake event, although the jumpers here are of very poor quality, and are looked upon as jokes by the visitors from the North. The natives, however, turn out in large numbers when a race through the field is on the card and the attendance is about the largest of the meeting.

The track was greatly improved and got better as the afternoon wore on. With no more rain the track will be fast Monday.

Josephine J. Jockey Hueston and Eggeron left for San Francisco this morning. The former has about closed a contract to ride for Edward Corrigan in England next season.

First Race. For two-year-olds six furlongs. Starting at 10:30. Post time, 10:45. Star 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74, 75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81, 82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87, 88, 89, 90, 91, 92, 93, 94, 95, 96, 97, 98, 99, 100.

Second Race. Three-year-olds and upward one mile and a furlong. Starting at 11:15. Post time, 11:30. Star 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74, 75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81, 82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87, 88, 89, 90, 91, 92, 93, 94, 95, 96, 97, 98, 99, 100.

Third Race. Handicap short course. Starting at 12:00. Post time, 12:15. Star 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74, 75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81, 82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87, 88, 89, 90, 91, 92, 93, 94, 95, 96, 97, 98, 99, 100.

Fourth Race. Mile and one-eighth by Imp. Mint Sauce, Linden Hills was second and Thomas Best third.

NEW ORLEANS ENTRIES.

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SHOOTING IN ANTWERP RIOTS.

ANTWERP, Dec. 22.—Another attack was made by the striking dock laborers and others on non-unionists to-day at the Okerik Wharf. A detachment of fifty policemen charged the strikers, firing their revolvers into the crowd. Thirty men were wounded, ten of them severely. The strikers withdrew, taking some of the wounded with them. Their attitude is menacing, the police are being reinforced and more fighting is imminent. ROME, Dec. 22.—The strike at Genoa has, so far, been a success. The strikers have declined the propositions made to them and have decided to continue the strike. Troops have been sent to Genoa. The strikers are unable to leave that port, and are being supplied with food and water. The strikers will join in the movement, leaving the city in darkness. For a Cold in the Head, Invariable Bromo-Quinine Tablets.



Middle-Distance Cyclists Will Race Behind Motors in a Fifteen-Mile Race at the Garden. Other Events on the Programme.

The indoor bicycle season which has had a brief but brilliant opening, winds up to-night at Madison Square Garden with a fifteen-mile race behind motors. Harry Elkes, the lanky flyer and the diminutive pedaler in excellent form. This has been shown beyond dispute during the past week. Both Riders Fit. Several times Michael has eclipsed the existing record in practice, while Elkes on Thursday night's exhibition astounded even his trainers by clipping several seconds from the world's indoor record for the mile. He negotiated it in 1:26.25, while the best former time for the distance indoors was 1:30.45, made in Chicago last month by Jimmy Michael. Elkes's marvellous performance must be credited in part to his new motor just received from Paris. It is capable of five-horse power, and with a very close can be made to reel off a mile at 1:20 without danger. Not to be outdone by his antagonist, Michael has also procured a new racing tandem which can equal the speed claimed for the Elkes motor, and will use it to-night's contest. Two Motors on Hand. Each man also has two other motors that will be on the track to-night in readiness for use should the motor in use be following a wrong. This will dispense with any chance of an accident deciding the race, as the extra machine can come to a man's relief before he is in any danger. Elkes and Michael did their final training for the race yesterday. The Welsh flyer went ten miles before morning and afternoon. At neither time did he extend himself, but the watches showed an average of 1:45 in the first mile and 1:42 in the afternoon. Elkes did not travel as far as Michael neither morning nor afternoon. He moved fast, but his trainers would not make known the exact figures. Besides this event to-night, there will be four pursuit races between the Kings County Wagonmen and the Harlem Wheelmen, and riders from Columbia and Yale and an amateur handicap in which all the noted riders will compete.

BIG FIGHT IS NOW ASSURED

Cincinnati Promoters Become Incorporated and Tie Governor's Hands.

CINCINNATI, Dec. 22.—The Jefferson-Rubin fight, scheduled to take place here in February, is now regarded as a certainty. It is now said that Governor Nash cannot and will not attempt to prevent the bout. The promoters of the fight have made a move that practically ties the Governor's hands in this particular case. They have become incorporated at Columbus as the "Saucerfoot Athletic Association."

NEW ST. LOUIS TRACK.

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 22.—St. Louis is to have another race track, and its promoters claim it will rank with the best race courses in the country. A tract of 425 acres of land on Delmar ave. just outside of the city limits, has been bought by J. G. Collins, of Chicago, and Joseph Adler, of Fort Smith, Ark. The handsome Park Jockey Club will be incorporated for this, and all that is now depends upon Mayor Fleischman. He apparently has no objection to the holding of the fight here.

AFRAID OF WIFE'S PAPA.

Guilford Bucklin, Hero of San Juan, Elopod with Jennie Gardon.

Guilford Spencer Bucklin, of the Seventy-first Regiment, who was in the charge at San Juan, Ill., is afraid to face an angry father-in-law, who lives in New Rochelle. Because of this fear he meets his bride, whom he married clandestinely on Nov. 3, at the railway station on her way to and from New York, where she is employed as a stenographer and interpreter in her father's office. The bride is Jennie Gardon, the pretty twenty-year-old daughter of Prof. Edward Gardon, a manufacturer of artificial granite. Miss Gardon, although a French Catholic, married Bucklin at the Little Church Around the Corner. Miss Gardon eloped with Bucklin because she feared her parents' opposition to the match. A few days ago, when she decided to break the news to her father, she left a note on his desk telling all about it. When Gardner read it he told his daughter that he never cared to see Bucklin's face. She pleaded with him in vain for her husband. Mrs. Kopf failed. Dr. McKee, of 34 West Ninety-third street, was summoned and attended her. She was seriously burned about the face and limbs, but it is thought she did not inhale any smoke. In the mean time Policeman Farber, who was near the house, heard the woman's screams and turned in an alarm. This brought Engine 7. As it pulled up in front of the house Fireman William Kelly, of 129 Washington avenue, jumped from the step. He was knocked down by Kopf and ladder Truck 22. The front wheel of the truck passed over his right hand, crushing it. He was also wounded about the head. Her husband, Frederick, who is a lawyer, and was just starting downtown, heard her screams and ran upstairs. Hastily seizing a rug he wrapped it about the terrified woman and soon extinguished the flames. Mrs. Kopf failed. Dr. McKee, of 34 West Ninety-third street, was summoned and attended her. She was seriously burned about the face and limbs, but it is thought she did not inhale any smoke. In the mean time Policeman Farber, who was near the house, heard the woman's screams and turned in an alarm. This brought Engine 7. As it pulled up in front of the house Fireman William Kelly, of 129 Washington avenue, jumped from the step. He was knocked down by Kopf and ladder Truck 22. The front wheel of the truck passed over his right hand, crushing it. He was also wounded about the head. Her husband, Frederick, who is a lawyer, and was just starting downtown, heard her screams and ran upstairs. Hastily seizing a rug he wrapped it about the terrified woman and soon extinguished the flames.

TWO HURT AT A TINY FIRE.

Woman Badly Burned While Cooking at Gas Stove.

Fire on the top floor of the three-story brownstone residence of Louis Rothoff, 57 West Ninety-second street, to-day, seriously injured Mrs. Emma Kopf, a friend of the family, and indirectly the cause of Fireman William Kelly's hand being crushed. Mrs. Kopf was heating some food on a gas heater in the front room of the top floor. As she leaned over to move her dress, which was of flimsy material, caught fire and she was at once enveloped in flames. She ran screaming toward the rear room, and as she passed the curtain behind the two rooms set fire to it. Her husband, Frederick, who is a lawyer, and was just starting downtown, heard her screams and ran upstairs. Hastily seizing a rug he wrapped it about the terrified woman and soon extinguished the flames. Mrs. Kopf failed. Dr. McKee, of 34 West Ninety-third street, was summoned and attended her. She was seriously burned about the face and limbs, but it is thought she did not inhale any smoke. In the mean time Policeman Farber, who was near the house, heard the woman's screams and turned in an alarm. This brought Engine 7. As it pulled up in front of the house Fireman William Kelly, of 129 Washington avenue, jumped from the step. He was knocked down by Kopf and ladder Truck 22. The front wheel of the truck passed over his right hand, crushing it. He was also wounded about the head. Her husband, Frederick, who is a lawyer, and was just starting downtown, heard her screams and ran upstairs. Hastily seizing a rug he wrapped it about the terrified woman and soon extinguished the flames.

BOY TRIED TO BURN SALOON.

Runkel Didn't Like the Free Lunch and Tried Arson.

Is Louis Runkel a pyromaniac? Magistrate Brenner, of the Butler Street Court, Brooklyn, will ask a physician to pass on this question. Runkel is nineteen years old. He was arrested yesterday by Policeman O'Connell, of the Amity street station, charged with attempted arson. Runkel had made a raid on the free lunch in a saloon in the basement of 75 Atlantic avenue, one of a tenement row. He strove to set fire to a disinfectant box, and the flames were spreading merrily when a bartender appeared, put out the fire and had Runkel arrested. Last night Runkel removed all his clothes in his cell and tore them into strips. Before he could be made presentable this morning the police had to sew the strips together. When arraigned he looked like a hastily constructed crazy quip. Runkel answered the Magistrate's questions by a flood of profanity. He required four policemen to drag him out of court. Incendiary Fire in Five-Story Building to Be Investigated. A fire in the five-story apartment house at 68 Columbus avenue early to-day caused a panic among the occupants. The fire was soon put out. Afterward it was found that the cause was a gas stove in the third story which was set on fire by the third attempt to set fire to the house within four months.

KID MCGOY HERE; LOOKS FOR FIGHT.

Came Over to Call Considine a Liar and Meet the Heavy-Weights.

"I want to fight all the heavy-weights, Considine is a liar!" These are the most important phrases uttered by Kid McCoy this morning as he stepped to the wharf from the Campania's gangway. McCoy looked as if he meant what he said. He further said to The Evening World reporter who met him: "My purpose in returning to this country, despite big inducements to remain in England, is to meet Jeffries, Fitzsimmons, Sharkey and Corbett. I have offers now from Hal Springs and from Cincinnati to fight Sharkey and may accept the better of them. "I am a heavy-weight now and I shall not try again in the middle-weight class, as I couldn't make it. "I weighed 195 pounds when I left for Liverpool, and lost ten pounds on the trip. Yes, I was seasick for four and five days, but an old sea dog would have been from the shaking up we got the first three days. "There's another purpose I have in coming here, and that is to meet Considine when he said I was mixed up in a fake with Corbett. I lost that fight on the level and I owe my defeat to careless training in Saratoga. I was not in good physical shape. "Why did I run away? I didn't. I went to England for personal reasons. "To show that I mean business I'll challenge all of the heavy-weights at once. I will remain in this city a week and then go directly to Muldoon's, where I will get in perfect physical trim and be ready to convince my critics that I can fight the best of them." McCoy said that Charles Mitchell, the one-time British champion, would copy over to meet him on so and the year proposed to tour the country, giving exhibitions. Mr. Sibly looked well and prosperous, reflecting in his attire the handiwork of a first-class London clothes builder. He admitted being substantially "beaten" by the kid, but he had a long shot at Newmarket that plunked \$25,000 into his vest pocket. He didn't offer to shake the coin to verify the statement. He wore a long fur-lined topcoat over a checked tweed suit and presented a valise. He asked if it was true as reported, that he was engaged to marry Miss Corbett, said. The reporter asked if it was true as reported, that he was engaged to marry Miss Corbett, said. The reporter asked if it was true as reported, that he was engaged to marry Miss Corbett, said.

LOST WIFE AND STATE SPIES GOT THRASHING FOR SALOONS.

Lena Davis Disappeared with Her Husband's Assailant. Excise Agents Can Get Evidence During Prohibited Hours.

Marriage has proven a dire failure for Harry Davis, of 26 Walton street, Williamsburg. On Dec. 10 he married Lena Thibault and brought her to his newly furnished flat. Last Wednesday, according to the story he told the Lee Avenue Police Court today, she disappeared. He waited for her all night and part of the next day. The husband, Alfred Linberger, of 34 Johnson avenue, they were surprised to find Davis at home. The husband, Alfred Linberger, to explain and declares he was troubled for an answer. Then Linberger said: "I've brought your wife home. Now I'll take her out again. Come along, Lena." And Lena went. Linberger was in court to answer a summons for assault, but Lena is still missing.

KIDNAPPED A DRESS. Disappeared in Chute, but Policeman's Wit Recovered It.

This is a story of a disappearing dress from a "dummy" chute in an apartment-house at 75 West Ninety-second street. Frederick Warren placed the box containing the gown on the "dummy" and whistled up the tin pipe to Mrs. Gordon, to whom it was sent. She called down the chute that there was no box on the dummy. Warren went out and found Policeman Panbel, who yelled up the chute that he was about to search every flat in the building for a kidnapped dress, and if anybody had one it would require all around. In response to Panbel's notification, Mrs. Gordon addressed to Mrs. Gordon a letter addressed to Mrs. Gordon, which was heard to slam. That closed the incident.

GOLFER NICHOLLS BEATEN.

Second Match in England a Defeat for Bostonian. LONDON, Dec. 22.—In a 36-hole golf match on the Honford links to-day James Brad beat Bernard Nicholls, of Boston, Mass., by 9 up and 7 to play.

SHIPPING NEWS.

Table with shipping news including arrival and outgoing steamships.

PORT OF NEW YORK.

ARRIVED. Liverpool, Montreal, Boston, New York, Philadelphia, Baltimore, Washington, Richmond, Norfolk, Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Florida, Alabama, Louisiana, Texas, Arkansas, Missouri, Illinois, Indiana, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Maryland, Delaware, New Jersey, New York, Connecticut, Rhode Island, Massachusetts, Vermont, New Hampshire, Maine, Canada, West Indies, Central America, South America, Europe, Africa, Asia, Australia, New Zealand, Oceania, Antarctica.

OLD DR. GRINDLE. Medical. LAFAYETTE CAPSULES.